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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's first Office Action of December 23, 2005 the Applicant respectfully submits the below Remarks.

Regarding 35 USC 102(e) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending independent claim 1, and claims 2-5 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Silverbrook (US 6,588,952), for at least the following reasons.

In the claimed invention, an inkjet printer cradle 4 having a body complementary to a removable inkjet cartridge 6 of a type having a pagewidth printhead 52 and an ink supply 28-34 is provided. The cradle further has an integrated circuit assembly 82 arranged to test an authentication device 57 of the cartridge (see page 5, line 11-page 6, line 4, page 7, lines 12-17 and page 12, lines 9-17 of the present specification).

On the other hand, Silverbrook discloses an arrangement in which a print engine 500, used by the Examiner as the claimed cradle, is integrally provided with a printhead 516 as part of a printhead subassembly 508 of the print engine. Thus, the printhead is permanently provided as part of the print engine, not as part of an inkjet cartridge removably engageable with the print engine. In Silverbrook, it is print roll cartridge 504 which is removably mounted to the print engine, where the print roll cartridge has print media and ink supplies (see col. 2, line 47-col. 3, line 6, col. 4, lines 25-58 and Fig. 3 of Silverbrook).

Thus, Silverbrook does not teach or suggest a cradle having a body complementary to a removable inkjet cartridge of a type having a printhead and ink supply, as is required by pending independent claim 1.

Thus, the subject matter of pending independent claim 1, and claims 2-5 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed, or suggested, by Silverbrook.

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It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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